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- 1. ON APRIL 9 KOREAN DIRECTOR SAID THAT ADB SECRETARY RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM SOUTH VIETNAM GOVERNOR TO ADB REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN SECURING APPOINTMENTS WITH (A) ADB STAFF TO REACTIVATE CURRENT PROJECTS AND (B) IBRD DELEGATION AT ADB ANNUAL MEETING FOR HALF AN HOUR TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON FUTURE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. TELEGRAM ALSO INDICATED THAT THESE TWO APPOINTMENTS SHOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH ADB PRESIDENT.
- 2. KOREAN DIRECTOR SAID THAT HE REQUESTED AND ADB SECRETARY AGREED TO CHOOSE WORDS CAREFULLY IN ANSWERING TELEGRAMS TO AVOID POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING ON PART OF VIETNAMESE IN VIEW OF NEW AGGRESSIVE TONE OF LAST TWO VIETNAMESE TELEGRAMS. ADB SECRETARY CONFIRMED HE WOULD TRY TO OBTAIN ADVANCE COPY OF CONFIDENTIAL

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VIETNAMESE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH AND AGREED TO SCHEDULE

VIETNAMESE GOVERNOR SPEECH LAST TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF SUBSEQUENT COMMENTS BY OTHER GOVERNORS.

3. FYI. CHANGE IN TONE, ATTITUDE, SUBSTANCE AND LEVEL OF COMPETENCE OF LAST TWO VIETNAMESE TELEGRAMS GIVES IMPRESSION OF SUDDEN VIETNAMESE DECISION TO BEGIN RESUMPTION OF ACTIVE RELATIONS WITH ADB AT ANNUAL MEETING.
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